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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1328

INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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AMCONSUL CHIANG MAI

S E C R E T BANGKOK 3924

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, PINS, TH, BM

SUBJECT: TWO SOVIET TECHNICIANS KIDNAPPED IN BURMA

REF: A. BANGKOK 3252 B. STATE 45137 C. STATE 35163

1. GENERAL KRIANGSAK CHOMANAN TOLD EMBOFFS MARCH 8 THAT HIS EFFORTS TO SECURE RELEASE OF SOVIET TECHNICIANS ARE "ABOUT 70 PERCENT" COMPLETE. HITCH, HE SAID, WAS THAT "THAI CI" (DC I) GOT IN THE ACT AND SPOILED ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY KRIANGSAK. KIDNAPPERS DEMANDED 30 MILLION (1 1/2 MILLION DOLLARS) FROM THAI DC I AS PRICE FOR RELEASE.

2. KRIANGSAK SAID HE HAS WRITTEN THREE LETTERS TO KIDNAPPERS, APPEALING TO THEM TO RELEASE SOVIETS ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS AND TO PURSUE THEIR POLITICAL GOALS BY PEACEFUL MEANS. HE SAYS THAT RIGHT NOW, KIDNAPPERS ARE ONLY DEFENDING THEMSELVES. KRIANGSAK ADVISED LEADER NOT TO BRING TROOPS TO THAI TERRITORY BECAUSE THAT WOULD HAVE VERY IMPORTANT REPERCUSSIONS ON INTERNAL THAI POLITICS. KRIANGSAK SAID HE HAD NOT PAID OR PROMISED ONE CENT TO KIDNAPPERS.

3. KRIANGSAK INDICATED THAT INTENDS TO CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS IN SPITE OF SETBACK ATTRIBUTED TO INTERVENTION

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OF ANOTHER THAI AGENCY. HE ASKED US TO HOLD FOREGOING

INFORMATION TIGHTLY ON GROUNDS THAT PUBLICITY COULD  
FURTHER UNDERCUT HIS EFFORTS. HE STILL WOULD NOT  
EXPLICITLY CONFIRM THAT ONE OF THE TWO TECHNICIANS HAS BEEN  
RELEASED (REFTELS).  
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